

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
MAY 4, 2004
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Stanton, Pridemore, and Morris, Chair, present.

PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Morris read a proclamation announcing the week of May 3-7, 2004 as Juror Appreciation Week in Clark County. Judge John Wulle accepted the proclamation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

BID AWARD 2363

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2363 – Annual Legal Advertising. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid 2363 be awarded to the lowest bidder. Westerman also further reaffirmed the community outreach policy to include legal advertisements in The Reflector, The Camas Post, and the Vancouver Business Journal, as appropriate.

Morris asked Westerman for clarification regarding whether the majority of the advertising in The Reflector was display advertising. She asked if they actually posted legal advertising in The Reflector.

Westerman responded that the majority would be display advertising.

Morris asked if display advertising would count as legal advertising also.

Westerman said that it could, depending on the project.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Pridemore to award Bid 2363 to The Columbian of Vancouver, Washington in the total bid amount as follows: Line Cost 1st Insertion \$1.22; Line Cost 2nd Insertion \$1.04; with a circulation of 50,437; and to grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid-related contracts. Commissioners Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 91)

BID AWARD 2364

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2364 – Annual Traffic Concrete Barriers. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid 2364 be awarded to the

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sole responsive bidder. There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stanton to award Bid 2364 to Utility Vault of Auburn, Washington in the total bid amount, including Washington State sales tax, as follows: Total Delivered Base Bid - \$41,895.30; and Total Will Call Base Bid - \$35,390.22, and to grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid-related contracts. Commissioners Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 91)

BID AWARD 2366

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2366 – Forklift Loader. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid 2366 be awarded to the lowest bidder. There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Pridemore to award Bid 2366 to Forklift Services of Portland, Oregon in the total bid amount of \$25,854.46, including Washington State sales tax, and to grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid-related contracts. Commissioners Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 91)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker #1

Lynn Carman, 11104 NW 33rd Avenue, Felida, commented on the county's Neighborhood Association program. Ms. Carman indicated that she wasn't provided with information/documentation from the county when she requested it, and she stressed that documents should be "free flowing." Carman referred to the upcoming conference taking place in Florida and wanted to know which county employee had requested the city to pay for county neighborhood leaders to attend. She questioned why non-employees were being sent for training in a time of budget crunches.

Morris said she didn't know who had made the request and asked Holly Gaya, Public Information and Outreach department, if she could respond.

Holly Gaya, Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator, Public Information and Outreach Department, responded that when two county representatives returned from the previous year's conference, a report was submitted to the NAC regarding what they had learned, and an action plan was developed for the upcoming year. Gaya indicated that another report had been written by the Neighborhood Outreach Coordinator for the City of Vancouver and submitted to City Manager Pat McDonnell. As a result of that report, Mr. McDonnell initiated the idea of having county neighborhood's attend with city neighborhoods in order to have a bigger contingent at the conference.

Curtis Achziger, Vice-President, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association, 3609 NE 85th Street, expressed his support for the national program. Mr. Achziger commented on the

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financial benefits of the program. In particular, he described a plan that opened up publicly owned lands for park use, which is something they are now doing at Tenney Creek. He further explained. Achziger said the value that neighborhood leaders attain at the nationals, such as the exchange of information from throughout the country, is far more valuable than the small amount it costs to send the leaders to the conferences. He noted that the city had approached his neighborhood association about sending county representatives.

Morris said she thought Ms. Carman's concerns were more about whether or not the county had asked the city to finance sending county representatives to the conference. *Morris* stated that the county did not. The corollary question to that would be why the city would just up and pay. She explained that as a general rule people who attend conferences do come back with new ideas, which is why they are sent.

Speaker #2

Susan Gilbert, 2600 NW 329th Street, Ridgefield, Chairman of the Enterprise Paradise Point Neighborhood Association, and a member of the Board of Neighborhood Association's Council, responded to Ms. Carman's testimony. She stated that the Neighborhood Outreach Program is probably the best program to be instituted in the past several years and is a valuable conduit between citizenry and elected officials.

Ms. Gilbert then referenced the upcoming deadline of the Environmental Assessment produced by the Cowlitz Tribe on the proposed development of a casino at the La Center junction, and stated that the EA has only fueled concerns. Ms. Gilbert stated that future land purchases by the tribe would not be covered by the present MOU. She asked the Board to have staff look upon the EA as an incomplete and flawed document that needs further detail. She said this would require that the county recommend that a full environmental impact study be conducted on this acquisition. In addition, she asked that they request an extension to the 30-day period.

Speaker #3

Bridget Schwarz, 2110 NW 179th Street, Ridgefield, Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association, commented on consent agenda item 7 – "Treasurer's Office request for approval of an advance to the Clark County Fair in lieu of receiving the amphitheater rent in July 2004." Schwarz stated that by contacting the Treasurer's Office it had been clarified that the description in the staff report should read "in advance of" instead of "in lieu of." She also pointed out how beneficial the Neighborhood Association Program is.

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Pridemore acknowledged that Ms. Schwarz was correct about item 7 in that the description should read “in advance of.”

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CONSENT AGENDA

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Pridemore to approve items 1 through 14, with clarification that the staff report for item 7 should read “in advance of” versus “in lieu of.” Commissioners Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 91)

PUBLIC HEARING: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

Held a public hearing to consider a 2004 Supplemental Appropriation: Revenue \$10,100,000; Expenditure \$10,529,000; Net Fund Balance \$429,000.

Jim Dickman, Office of Budget, presented. He explained that there were three items in the Supplemental Appropriation request related to: 1) Full funding of the Fairgrounds Expo Center; 2) Industrial Insurance Fund; and 3) Administrative request related to a miscoded transfer in the adopted budget of the Wastewater Maintenance and Operation Fund to the Wastewater Repair and Replacement fund in the amount of \$129,000.

Morris asked what the total global budget would now be.

Dickman said it was approximately \$775 million for two years.

Morris asked what the impact would be to the general fund.

Dickman replied that this request would have no impact.

Morris asked for clarification about whether there were any new FTEs.

Dickman said there were no new FTEs.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stanton to approve Resolution 2004-05-01. Commissioners Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 91)

The Board of County Commissioners' adjourned and convened as the Board of Health.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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CONSENT AGENDA

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Pridemore to approve consent agenda items 1 through 4. Members Morris, Stanton, and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 91)

Adjourned

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Betty Sue Morris/s/
Betty Sue Morris, Chair

Judie Stanton/s/
Judie Stanton, Commissioner

Craig A. Pridemore, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Louise Richards/s/
Clerk of the Board

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